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TAGS: OTRA, KE (OTTAWAY, DAVID B.)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ASKS EMBASSY AID FOR CORRESPONDENT

1. WASHINGTON POST REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY NAIROBI SUPPORT ITS APPEAL TO KENYAN GOVERNMENT TO READMIT ITS CORRESPONDENT FOR AFRICA, DAVID B. OTTAWAY, TO COVER UNCTAD CONFERENCE. OTTAWAY DECLARED "PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT" IN KENYA IN SEPTEMBER 1974 AFTER CRITICAL ARTICLE ON KENYAN OFFICIALS.

2. POST EXECUTIVE EDITOR BEN BRADLEE SENT IDENTICAL LETTERS TO FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI AND MFA PERMSEC KIBINGE APRIL 23 EXPRESSING REGRET THAT HIS NEWSPAPER DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO KENYA, "WHOSE ROLE IS VITAL IN AFFAIRS OF AFRICA AT CRITICAL TIME FOR ENTIRE CONTINENT." BRADLEE ADDED: "WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT TIME HAS COME TO TURN PAGE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND WASHINGTON POST. WE ASK THAT YOU RECONSIDER STATUS OF MR. OTTAWAY, WHO WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT WASHINGTON POST IN AFRICA FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF HE COULD BE ADMITTED TO COUNTRY ON OCCASION OF UNCTAD CONFERENCE

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AND, IN A MORE GENERAL WAY, FOR OTHER REPORTING ASSIGNMENTS

IN YOUR COUNTRY."

3. RON KOVEN, POST FOREIGN EDITOR, DISCUSSED OTTAWAY  
MATTER WITH KENYAN CHARGE ERNEST MUNGAI, AND ASKED HIM  
TO CABLE BRADLEE TEXTS TO NAIROBI. LETTERS ALSO MAILED.

4. POST VERY ANXIOUS TO GET OTTAWAY READMITTED TO KENYA  
TO ENABLE HIM TO REPORT MORE FULLY ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS.  
ANYTHING EMBASSY CAN DO WOULD BE APPRECIATED HERE.  
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